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1. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARA 2 THE JOINT REPORT CALLED FOR IN STATE 010996. THE OTHER AMBASSADORS INVOLVED ARE TRANSMITTING THIS TEXT TO THEIR FOREIGN MINISTRIES.

2. THE AMBASSADORS OF JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE US MET ON JANUARY 27 TO DISCUSS THE MANNER AND LEVEL OF THE APPROACH TO THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCERNING BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE ANTI-HIJACKING CONTACT GROUP. IT WAS DECIDED AT THAT MEETING THAT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, AS THE SENIOR IN BRAZILIAN PRECEDENCE OF THE FOUR, WOULD BE THE SPOKESMAN OF THE GROUP AND WOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AMBASSADOR GUERREIRO. THE FOUR AMBASSADORS WERE AGREED THAT GUERREIRO WAS, FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, THE APPROPRIATE BRAZILIAN OFFICIAL TO SEE.

AT A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR GUERREIRO AT 10:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 30, THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR CARRIED OUT THE DEMARCHE IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE JOINT INSTRUCTION. IN KEEPING WITH THE PRIOR DECISION OF
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THE FOUR AMBASSADORS, A COPY OF THE AGREED TALKING POINTS USED BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WAS LEFT WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL STATED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD LOOK INTO THE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD BE CONSULTING THE BRAZILIAN UN REPRESENTATION. HE COMMENTED THAT THE MATTER WAS NOT EASY GIVEN THE SENSITIVITIES OF SOME GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE ARAB STATES, SOME OF WHICH WERE WARY OF AN ANTI-PALESTINIAN IMPLICATION OF THE ANTI-HIJACKING RESOLUTIONS. HE NOTED FURTHER THAT, ONCE THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CONTACT GROUP WAS HELD, IT WOULD BECOME KNOWN TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE OBSERVED, INFORMAL GROUPS SUCH AS THIS WERE NOT UNUSUAL IN THE UN CONTEXT, PARTICULARLY IF, AS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HAD POINTED OUT AS A PRIME OBJECTIVE OF THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS, THE MEMBERSHIP REFLECTED A BROAD GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION AND INCLUDED BOTH DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE SECRETARY GENERAL ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE REASONS FOR NON-ADHERENCE TO THE RELEVANT CONVENTIONS VARIED FROM COUNTRY-TO COUNTRY, WITH THE INACTION OF SOME GOVERNMENTS

EVEN BEING THE RESULT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS. THIS, HE SAID, WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE APPROACHES WOULD HAVE TO VARY. THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT EXAMINATION OF THE MODALITIES AND NATURE OF APPROACHES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP WOULD BE ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PROPOSED FOR EARLY MARCH.

AT THE END OF THE MEETING, THE SECRETARY GENERAL REPEATED THAT THE MATTER OULD BE EXAMINED PROMPTLY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BRAZILIAN UN REPRESENTATION.
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